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1. Between 18 and 23 October 1950, 40 recruits were seen undergoing basic infantry drill in the yard of the Delius Kaserne in Potsdam, while older soldiers cleaned and overhauled guns, motor vehicles, and other equipment. On 18 October, 21 officers, including six former sergeants who had just been promoted to the rank of junior lieutenant, left the installation with suitcases and boxes, riding trucks [redacted] toward Doeberitz. The manner in which these officers said farewell gave source the impression that they were not going to return.

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2. On 19 October at about 9 a.m. trucks [redacted], towing four gun-barrel carriers with new barrels, entered the Delius Kaserne. The trucks returned empty to Wildpark, from where they had come, [redacted]

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A column returning to the barracks installation on the same day at about 11:30^{AM} included eight caterpillar tractors, each carrying an 8-man gun crew and towing a 152-mm gun; two caterpillar tractors towing empty gun-barrel carriers;

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and two trucks [redacted] each occupied by 20 soldiers. Two captains and eighteen senior lieutenants with suitcases, arriving on 23

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October on trucks [redacted], were billeted in the hotel opposite the Delius Kaserne. On 24 October, 80 beds were put up in the attic rooms of the barracks installation. The following day these quarters were occupied to capacity by recruits, who had arrived during the night. (1)

3. On 21 October, the ammunition dump on Bornstedterfeld, which belonged to the artillery unit in the Delius Kaserne, was enlarged by about 30 meters on all sides. Two German electricians who started installing lighting facilities there were dismissed on 23 October and their work was completed by Soviet soldiers.

4. On 26 October, ten officers and 40 EM left the Delius Kaserne, allegedly going to Schwedt on the Oder River for reassignment to a newly activated unit. A column of twenty-eight 122-mm guns and four 172-mm guns left the billeting area for Wildpark on 27 and 28 October 1950. (2)

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6. Since 18 October, the cooperative store in the Kavallerie Schule, Krampnitz, again received the amount of foodstuffs it had received before the troops left. A

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[REDACTED] 20 T-34 tanks had been unloaded at the Satzkorn railroad station and moved to the Kavallerie Schule on 18 October. It was said that trucks and artillery pieces were unloaded and went to Krampnitz the following day. (3)

7. A motion picture exchange (Filmstelle), allegedly for training films, was located in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne, Potsdam and employed three Soviet civilians and twelve German women. Pictures of tanks, guns and other military equipment were seen on the films.
8. The name of the major general who was billeted at 4 Grosse Feinmeisterstrasse in the Generals' Quarter, Neuer Garten, was allegedly Loshkin (fnu). (4)
9. On 20 October, board fences, three meters high, were erected in the area of Koenigswald, about 20 meters from the shore of Jungfern Lake. A detail of ten mounted soldiers guarded the Koenigswald area. (5)

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[REDACTED] Comments.

- (1) The information on the Delius Kaserne concerns the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig of the unidentified artillery division in Potsdam which is stationed there. Following the return of artillery units to the installation from the Altengrabow training area prior to 17 October 1950, additional artillery units returned to the [REDACTED] billeting area on 19 October 1950. [REDACTED] Elements of the artillery division from Potsdam participated in fall maneuvers in the Magdeburg-Wittenberg area during the first half of October 1950. Present report indicates that recruits and officer replacements also arrived in the Delius Kaserne. The 21 officers who left the installation on 18 October 1950 possibly returned to the U.S.G.R. for demobilization.
- (2) To date no Soviet troops have been observed in Schwedt on the Oder River. Further information is required to clarify whether or not a Soviet unit was activated there.
- (3) On 9 October 1950, the elements of the 10th Gds Tank Div from the Kavallerie Schule held field exercises in the Ketzin area. [REDACTED] Present report indicates that the units returned to the installation by 19 October 1950.
- (4) General Loshkin (fnu) has been carried since 1947 as chief of the Gas and Oil Distribution Department of the GOFG on Pappelallee, Potsdam, and was last confirmed in this position on 24 February 1948.
- (5) According to another source, Camp Koenigswald in the engineer training area of the unidentified engineer regiment of the GOFG in Potsdam was torn down on 22 September 1950. [REDACTED] It is possible that the camp buildings have been reconstructed.

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